

**KINGSBURG CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 4, 2006**

6:00 P.M. CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session to discuss the following item:

Conference with Labor Negotiators
Agency Designated Representative: (Kenneth Caves) –
Employee Organization: KPSEA (Kingsburg Public Service Employees
Association); KPOA (Kingsburg Police Officers Association); KPFA (Kingsburg
Professional Firefighters Association)
Government Code Section 54957.6

7:00 P.M. REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Invocation was given by Associate Pastor Joe Saubert of the Kingsburg Community Church followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Bergstrom.

Call to order and roll call:

At 7:04 P.M. Mayor Bergstrom called the regular meeting of the Kingsburg City Council to order.

Councilmembers present: Bruce Blayney, Paul Kruper, David Karstetter, Milo Smith, and Mayor Leland Bergstrom.

Councilmember absent: None

Staff present: City Manager Donald Pauley, Assistant City Manager/Finance Director, City Attorney Ressa Stewart, Planning and Development Director Terry Schmal, City Engineer Dave Peters, Police Chief Jeff Dunn, Sgt. Brent Drum, Police Officer David Alley, and City Clerk Sue Bauch.

Others present: H.T. (Chic) Brooks, Judy Brooks, and Reporter Amy Fienen.

Public Comments - None

Approve Agenda – A motion was made by Councilmember Blayney, seconded by Councilmember Kruper, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Consent Calendar – A motion was made by Councilmember Karstetter, seconded by Councilmember Smith, to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Approval of City Council Minutes – Approve minutes from the Regular City Council meeting held on September 20, 2006 as prepared by Clerk Sue Bauch.

Check Register – Ratify/approve payment of bills listed by Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Don Jensen on the check register for September 16, 2006 through September 29, 2006.

K-9 Unit Resolution – Adopt Resolution No. 2006-57 honoring H.T. (Chic) Brooks and Judy Brooks for their donation to the Kingsburg Police Department K-9 Unit. Resolution prepared by City Clerk Sue Bauch.

Propositions 1A and 1B – Adopt Resolution No. 2006-58 supporting Propositions 1A (Transportation Funding Protection) and 1B (Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act of 2006). Resolution prepared by City Clerk Sue Bauch.

Proposition 87 – Adopt Resolution No. 2006-59 opposing Proposition 87 relating to Alternative Energy, Research, Production and Incentives on California Oil. Resolution prepared by City Clerk Sue Bauch.

Proposition 90 – Adopt Resolution No. 2006-60 opposing Proposition 90 relating to Government Acquisition, Regulation of Private Property. Resolution prepared by City Clerk Sue Bauch.

Pulled Consent Calendar Items: None

REGULAR CALENDAR

Presentation of K-9 Unit Resolution to H.T. and Judy Brooks.

Chief Dunn expressed gratitude from the Police Department for the donation of \$7,500 for the purchase of the next K-9, and presented Mr. & Mrs. Brooks with a resolution from the City of Kingsburg. Sgt. Brent Drum, Officer David Alley and his family were present for presentation. Mayor Bergstrom added that the City Council would like to thank the Brooks for their donation. Mr. Brooks accepted the resolution and thanked the City Council and the Police Department.

Youth Leadership Institute – The Youth Leadership Institute representatives were not present at this time. At this time Councilmember Karstetter made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Smith to continue this item to the next City Council meeting. The motion carried by unanimous aye voice vote.

Chamber of Commerce Request – Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jess Chambers requested street closures for the Julgransfest Celebration on November 24, 2006 and Santa Lucia Parade on December 2, 2006.

Councilmember Blayney stated that the Chamber of Commerce does a great job with the festivals. He stated that the Santa Lucia festival is fun for all involved. Councilmember Karstetter stated the Parade of Lights at the Santa Lucia Festival is a fantastic gathering. Mayor Bergstrom stated that he regrets that Lowell Carlson is not here to see the success of this festival. Mr. Chambers stated that the Carlson family dedication to the Community continues through Lowell's sons Randy and Scott Carlson, and other family members.

Councilmember Blayney made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Smith, to approve street closures as requested. The motion carried by unanimous aye voice vote.

Development of Recreation Fields – Councilmember Karstetter stated that he asked for this item to be placed on the agenda after discussions with City Manager Donald Pauley.

City Manager Donald Pauley gave some history regarding previous discussions about the development of recreation fields. He stated that last year Dr. Mark Ford, Superintendent of the Elementary School District, told city staff that the State will not allow the district to develop the entire 16 acres that the City sold the district for the construction of the new elementary school. He stated that the state would only allow them to develop 11 acres. Mr. Pauley stated that after that discussion staff had a meeting with the soccer and Little League representatives to discuss the possible development of the remaining acres into recreation fields. He stated that Little League representative Andy Reeves said the Little League would be willing to partner with the school district to develop the recreation fields. Mr. Pauley stated that the soccer representatives stated that they wanted all of the soccer fields to be located on one site. And they also wanted the fields to be fenced and locked when not in use by the soccer group. Mr. Pauley stated that City Attorney Michael Noland was present at this meeting and explained to the soccer representatives that public funds can not be used to develop property for the exclusive use of one group.

A discussion ensued regarding how other communities handle recreation fields as well as the possibility of creating an agreement for fields like the one the City has with the Little League and the School District for Safarjian field. City Manager Donald Pauley suggested that the City Council work with the soccer group to let them know that we are limited to what the City could do regarding this issue. We need to be designing the parks for as much use as possible.

Youth Leadership Institute - At this time Councilmember Kruper made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Smith, to place this item back on the agenda now that the Youth Leadership Institute representatives have arrived. The motion carried by unanimous aye voice vote.

Youth Leadership Prevention Program Coordinator Carolina Garza introduced two Kingsburg students that are involved in the program to talk about alcohol use by children in the community. The two Kingsburg students gave a brief presentation about youth alcohol use.

Councilmember Karstetter asked what could be done here in Kingsburg to help. Carolina Garza stated that adopting the resolution before the Council tonight is very important. She stated that there would be a survey of the youth in Kingsburg in order to determine and address the problems related to Kingsburg. She stated that the liquor industry uses tactics such as advertising at a lower level and colorful packing to make their products more inviting to youth. She added that the City of Kingsburg has 13 liquor outlets. She stated that the Youth Leadership Institute would like to work with city staff to make sure that the best can be done for our youth.

Councilmember Karstetter stated that he is very proud of this group. Councilmember Blayney stated that no one group can do the job; it takes many groups to bring the word forward.

Councilmember Blayney made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Karstetter, to adopt Resolution No. 2006-61 in support of the Youth Leadership Institute of Fresno and the Underage Drinking Prevention Program. The motion carried by unanimous aye voice vote.

Council Reports and Staff Communications:

- a. **South San Joaquin Valley Division membership meeting** - City Manager Donald Pauley reminded the City Council about the League of California Cities South San Joaquin Valley Division membership meeting will be next Wednesday, October 11, 2006.
- b. **Fresno Fair** - City Clerk Sue Bauch informed the Council about the City of Kingsburg race day at the Fresno Fair this coming Sunday. Councilmember Kruper and Mayor Bergstrom stated that they would attend.
- c. **Planning Commissioner Appointments** - Mayor Bergstrom stated that he and Planning & Development Director Terry Schmal interviewed five people for two positions on the Planning Commission. He stated that they made the choice to appoint Jerry James and Barbara Taylor. He stated that this item would be on the next agenda for ratification by the City Council.
- d. **League Conference Resolution Committee** - Councilmember Kruper stated that at the recent League Conference he sat on the Resolution Committee. He stated that a resolution was presented to support the confiscation of vehicles that are involved in drag racing. This was brought to the attention of the League by the City Council of the City of Elk Grove. He thought that this was more of a feel good resolution. He stated that since the conference he has reconsidered the points of this issue and feels that the League of Cities might have been out of line for considering this an issue to be brought before the state membership.

Adjournment - At 8:10 P.M. Councilmember Blayney moved to adjourn the Kingsburg City Council.

Submitted by:

Sue Bauch, City Clerk CMC